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SUBJECT: MINICOMPUTER: MODIFICATIONS TO SYSTEM

REF: (1) SEOUL 1407 (2) SEOUL 1557 (3) SEOUL 1558

1. RE REFTEL 1, PARA 1: IT APPEARS TO US YOU PROPOSE SETTING UP RELATED AND REPEATING FIELDS WITH A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO BE CODED IN THE FOUR BYTES FOLLOWING A THREE BYTE PRODUCT OR SERVICE CODE. YOU CITE FIVE EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES IN REFPARA. IT WOULD HELP US CONSIDER THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE YOUR OBJECTIVE IF WE KNEW A) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ACTIVITY CODES YOU INTEND TO PERMIT, B) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF THESE YOU INTEND TO RELATE TO ANY GIVEN SITC CODE, C) WHETHER YOU INTEND TO SELECT ON THESE CODES IN RELATION TO THE SITC CODE, AND D) WHETHER YOU INTEND TO SORT ON THEM.

WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU INTEND TO COMPOSE THE THREE-BYTE SITC CODE.

(YOU WILL UNDERSTAND FROM THE ABOVE THAT WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW MOST IS WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE, RATHER THAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIFIC SYSTEM DESIGN CHANGES.)

2. RE REFTEL 1 PARAS 2, 3, 4: WE FIND RECOMMENDED CHANGES WILL NOT FIT SCREENS OR SECTOR LIMITS AS PROPOSED.
3. RE REFTEL 1 PARA 5: IMPACT OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON SYSTEM AS PRESENTLY DESIGNED IS MAJOR.

4. RE REFTEL 1 PARA 6: WE ESTIMATE FIVE WORK WEEKS (I.E. ONE MONTH ELAPSED TIME) TO REWRITE SYSTEM TO MAKE CHANGES YOU ARE PROPOSING. TIME TO BEGIN FOLLOWING OUR RECEIPT OF YOUR ANSWER TO THIS MESSAGE, IF WE HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. WE WILL SEND YOU CABLES WITH CHANGES WE PROPOSE TO ENABLE YOU TO CONFIRM OUR PLANS AS WE PROGRESS. (IN ANY CASE, SYSTEM CHANGES UNLIKELY TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO LEWIS PLANNED DEPARTURE FROM POST. (FOR LEWIS: YOU WILL RECALL THAT IDOL SEARCH AND SELECT DOES NOT YET WORK ON RELATED AND REPEATING FIELDS. ESTIMATES GIVEN IN THIS PARA DO NOT INCLUDE TIME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THIS IDOL CAPABILITY).

5. RE REFTEL 2: RESPONSE WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL. MEANWHILE RE PARA 4D, WE RECOMMEND NO ACTION BE TAKEN. PLEASE PROVIDE EXPLANATION TO US WHY PROPOSED "CAPABILITY" IS REQUIRED. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, PREFERRED SPELLINGS OF SURNAME WOULD BE CHANGED IN ALL CASES TO STANDARD SPELLING WHEREVER A HIT OCCURS IN THE KEY FILE. WHY DO THIS?

6. RE REFTEL 3 PARA 6: WE ASSUME YOU WILL SEND US WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS AND ANNOTATED LISTINGS OF ALL FIXES YOU HAVE APPLIED TO BUGS YOU MAY HAVE FOUND ON SYSTEMS DISK. ALSO OF ANY CHANGES YOU HAVE MADE IN ANY OTHER PROGRAMS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NONE AS OF FEB 27.

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7. RE REFTEL 3 PARA 7: WE FEEL THAT COORDINATION OF CHANGES TO COMPLEX SYSTEMS REQUIRE ROBERTS TO RETURN HERE WITH NO EXTENSION TO HIS SEOUL STAY. (IN THIS CONNECTION, BERRY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP DATE OF ROBERTS RETURN TO WORK AT DTI.)

WE SEE IMPLEMENTATION OF 499 PROCESSING AS PREMATURE AND QUESTIONABLE USE OF ROBERTS' SEOUL TIME SINCE DESIGN CHANGES NOT YET FIRM. SUGGEST HE EMPHASIZE SECOND AND THIRD ACTIVITIES.

8. RE REFTEL 3 PARA 8: WE WILL EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF REGRESSION PACKAGE. VANCE

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